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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry our reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 21-30 April 1995.

21 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

22 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Mosul, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Samawah, Salman, Shanafiyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

(c) On 22 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1132 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1345 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1510 hours.

23 April 1995

(a) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Chabaish and Artawi.

(b) On 23 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0950 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1202 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1245 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1455 hours.

24 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shanafiyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

(c) On 24 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0955 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1122 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1250 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1420 hours.

(d) At 1245 hours on 24 April 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped three heat flares near Mosul, the capital of Ninawa Governorate.

(e) At 1246 hours on 24 April 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier in Ninawa Governorate.

25 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

(c) On 25 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1210 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1335 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1517 hours.

26 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Basra, Artawi, Qurnah and Jalibah.

(c) At 1310 hours on 26 April 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier in the Suq al-Shuyukh area.

27 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

28 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Aqrah, Irbil, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Samawah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Salman, Lasaf and Qurnah.

29 April 1995

(a) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish and Shanafiyah.

(b) On 29 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1135 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1320 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1435 hours.

30 April 1995

(a) Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

(b) On 30 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

(i) The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1210 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1237 hours.

(ii) The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1210 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1430 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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